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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE'S PUBLIC COMMENTS IN OSLO

1. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN OSLO APRIL 29, PRESIDENT NYERERE SAID HE WAS HAPPY THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH IN LUSAKA VOICED AMERICAN SUPPORT OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THANKS TO CUBA FOR ITS INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. "WITHOUT THE CUBANS WE SHOULD NOW HAVE HAD A SOUTH AFRICAN-CONTROLLED GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA. I THANK CUBA FOR HAVING SAVED OUR INDEPENDENCE", HE STATED. NYERERE SAID HE FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THE AMERICAN CONCERN OVER CUBA'S INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, POINTING OUT THAT "THE HELP FROM CUBA CAME NEARLY A YEAR AFTER SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS HAD CROSSED THE ANGOLAN BORDER."

3. HE WENT ON TO STRESS THAT AFTER MAJORITY RULE HAD
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BEEN INTRODUCED IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA

MUST BE LIBERATED BY PEACEFUL MEANS. NYERERE TALKED ABOUT THREE STAGES OF INDEPENDENCE: POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND INDIVIDUAL, THAT WOULD COME THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

4. IN A SPEECH AT A GOVERNMENT-HOSTED DINNER ON THE SAME DAY, THE TANZANIAN LEADER SAID "CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE HAD BEEN GAINED FROM THE ANGOLAN WAR, WHICH WE WILL USE TO AVOID A SIMILAR SITUATION IN RHODESIA." HE PROMISED CONTINUED AID TO THE LIBERATION STRUGGLES, BUT ONLY TO UNITED LIBERATION FORCES.

5. NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER ODVAR NODLI IN HIS SPEECH SAID "THE RHODESIAN PEOPLE MUST FIGHT FOR THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE," AND THAT "THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS POLITICALLY THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ILLEGAL RHODESIAN REGIME."

6. DURING THE DAY NYRERE MET WITH NODLI, MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT AND AID OFFICIALS. DISCUSSIONS COVERED DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WORK FOR A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER AND NORWEGIAN AID TO TANZANIA. NYERERE SAID THAT IN ALL ISSUES HE AND HIS HOSTS AGREED.
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